

HOUSE BILL 2451
By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 18, Part 3, relative to the "Municipal Court
Reform Act of 2004".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-308, is amended by designating the present language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Provided further however, if a municipal charter designates the judge of the municipal court to also serve as the recorder for the municipality, then in that instance such official or employee shall be permitted to concurrently hold both offices for that municipality notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-309(a)(1), is amended by deleting the word "Each" from the first sentence and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivision (3), each".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-309(a), is further amended by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (3):

(3) If the judge of a municipal court is authorized to practice law in the courts of Tennessee, and if the judge satisfies Supreme Court Rule 21 which mandates annual continuing legal education for practicing attorneys, then such judge shall be exempt from also meeting the requirements of subdivision (1) for any year in which such continuing legal education requirements are met. The judge shall submit a copy of the statement supplied to the attorney by the Board of Professional Responsibility verifying the number

of continuing legal education hours completed for the year to the Administrative Office of the Courts by March 1 following the year such requirements were met.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.